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Docket No.
D-20063-01

Amendment Transmittal Letter

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Application of: Milet et al

Application No. 09/483,117

Filed: January 14, 2000

For: HEAT SEALER FOR THERMOPLASTIC FILMS

Group Art Unit: 1734

Examiner: C. Hawkins

Enclosed are _____ sheets of formal drawings (two copies) to be substituted for the informal drawings originally filed.

Enclosed is a Petition for Extension of Time.

Enclosed is a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement, together with listed references.

Enclosed is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee for this amendment is computed as follows:

Claims as Amended						
(1)	(2) Claims remaining after Amendment	(3)	(4) Highest no. for which payment was made previously	(5) Present Extra	(6) Rate	(7) Additional fee
Total claims	47	Minus	** 48	= 0	x \$18.	= \$0
Independent claims	8	Minus	*** 7	= 0	x \$84.	= \$84
Additional fee for filing one or more multiple dependent claims, if no such fee has been paid previously				\$270.	\$0.	
Total Additional Fee For This Amendment					\$84	

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Respectfully submitted,

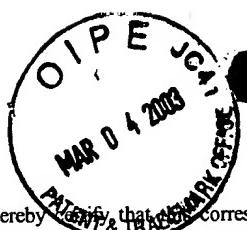
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RESPONSE

In response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2002, the period for response having been extended until March 22, 2003 by the enclosed Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as noted below and consider the remarks that follow.

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 9, 12, 18-20, 22, and 42 as follows:

9. (Amended) A device for heat sealing at least two thermoplastic films together, the device comprising:

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front and rear opposing jaws moveable between an open position defining a zone for inserting the at least two films between the front and rear jaws and a closed position in which the front and rear jaws are proximate each other to compress the at least two thermoplastic films together, the rear jaw including a resilient portion facing the front jaw;

a front jaw release sheet positioned between the insertion zone and the front jaw when the front and rear jaws are in the open position; and

a heating element positioned between the front jaw release sheet and the front jaw, wherein the front jaw release sheet engages the heating element when the front and rear jaws are